



United States
Environmental Protection
Agency



Gulf of Mexico Program

**1999 - 2000
Shareholder
Report**

Table of Contents

Director's Message	i
Reducing Incidences of Human Illness	
Overcoming Barriers to a Better Quality of Life and Continued Economic Development	1
Restoring and Protecting Important Habitat	
The Foundation for the Gulf's Bountiful Fisheries	4
Preventing Introductions of Invasive Species	
Reducing Ecological and Economic Risks	8
Reducing Impacts from Excessive Nutrients in Coastal Areas	
Supporting National and Regional Efforts	10
Enhancing Communications with the Public We Serve	
Recognizing Stewards of the Gulf and Environmental Excellence	12
Building and Strengthening Our Scientific Foundation	
Empowering States and Coastal Communities Through Environmental Information	14
FY1999-FY2000 Funding	16
Appendix 1	
1999-2000 Projects Supporting State and Community Action Around the Gulf	17
Appendix 2	
Synopsis of 1st Place 2000 Gulf Guardian Award Winners	21
Appendix 3	
Annual Performance Goals	22
Gulf of Mexico Program Objectives	Inside Back Cover
Around the Gulf: A Snapshot of Gulf Program Accomplishments	Back Cover
Gulf of Mexico Program Office Contact Information	Back Cover